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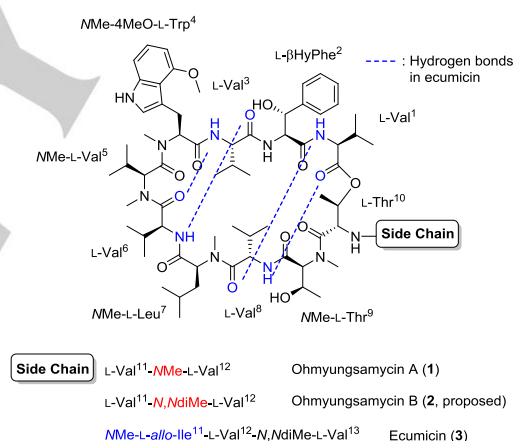
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**Abstract:** The first total syntheses of bioactive cyclodepsipeptides ohmyungamycin A and B have been achieved. The key features of our synthesis involve the concise preparation of the linear cyclization precursor, which consists of *N*-methyl amides and non-proteinogenic amino acids, and a bent conformationally-inspired macrolactamization. The revised structure of ohmyungamycin B was established by our synthesis. The cyclic core of the ohmyungamycins that is responsible for the excellent *anti*-TB activity was also elucidated via our synthesis and biological evaluation of a chain-truncated variant of the ohmyungamycins.

Non-ribosomal cyclic peptides<sup>[1]</sup> belong to a major class of macrocyclic molecules that possess a variety of biological activities.<sup>[2]</sup> As structurally complex cyclopeptides have been identified, many synthetic hurdles, such as the preparation of non-proteinogenic amino acid, *N*-methyl amide formation, and macrocyclization, have been overcome by synthetic chemists.<sup>[3]</sup> Recently, novel cyclodepsipeptides, ohmyungamycins (OMSs) A (**1**) and B (**2**) have been reported from *Streptomyces* genus strain.<sup>[4]</sup> Both natural products share a cyclic peptide core that consists of ten L-amino acids including two non-proteinogenic (4MeO-L-Trp<sup>4</sup> and L-βHyPhe<sup>2</sup>) and four *N*-methylated amino acids. Both OMSs possess the L-Val<sup>11</sup>-L-Val<sup>12</sup> dipeptide side chain appended to the core macrocycle, and OMS-B (**2**) possesses an *N,N*-dimethyl valine rather than the terminal *N*-methyl valine of

OMS-A (**1**), as shown in Figure 1. Primary screening of the biological activities of the OMSs revealed potent cytotoxicity against various cancer cell lines and antibacterial activities with a narrow spectrum.<sup>[4]</sup>

More recently, the Pauli group identified ecumicin (**3**), which interestingly shares the same cyclic core as the OMSs.<sup>[5]</sup> The side chain of antitubercotic (*anti*-TB) ecumicin<sup>[6]</sup> possesses a non-ribosomal amino acid (*N*Me-L-*allo*-Ile<sup>11</sup>), which is extended to the side chain of OMS-B. Recently, OMSs were reported to exhibit strong *anti*-TB activity based on promotion of host cell autophagy,<sup>[7]</sup> which is an innate immune system targeting intracellular bacteria,<sup>[8]</sup> via an AMP-activated protein kinase pathway activation.



**Figure 1.** Reported structures of ohmyungamycins A and B and ecumicin.

Based on the unique structural features and interesting biological activities of OMS-A and OMS-B, we have been interested in establishing a synthetic route to these macrolactams. Herein, we report the first total syntheses of OMS-A (**1**) and OMS-B (**2**; proposed structure) as well as the structural revision of OMS-B. In addition, we elucidated the core of the OMSs that is responsible for the biological activities based on our synthesis and biological evaluation of the side chain-truncated OMS (**4**; Δ<sup>10</sup>*N*-Ac ohmyungamycin).

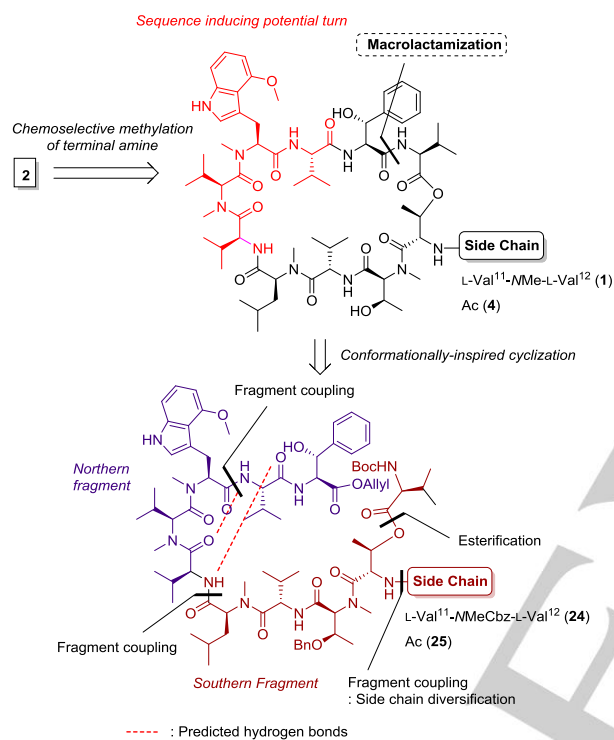
Our retrosynthetic analysis is outlined in Figure 2. We envisioned that OMS-B (**2**) could be obtained from OMS-A (**1**) by chemoselective and reductive methylation of the terminal monomethylamine. We paid special attention to the macrocyclization site,<sup>[9]</sup> because OMSs are highly congested with bulky amino acids including Val, Leu, 4MeO-Trp, and *N*-methyl amino acids. Structures of OMSs with only L-form amino acids

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may also limit the key macrocyclization.<sup>[9, 10]</sup> Importantly, the solid-state 3D structure of ecumicin (**3**) revealed a twisted  $\beta$ -sheet in the cyclic core, which was stabilized by four interstrand hydrogen bonds and two  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  interactions (Figure 1).<sup>[11]</sup> Based on these conformation-stabilizing factors, we considered the four amino acid sequence from Val<sup>3</sup> to Val<sup>6</sup> as a potential turn inducer, which may induce an overall bent conformation in the linear cyclization precursor.<sup>[12]</sup> Based on the structural similarity between ecumicin and the OMSs, we anticipated that the conformational character of the cyclic core could be utilized in the syntheses of OMSs.

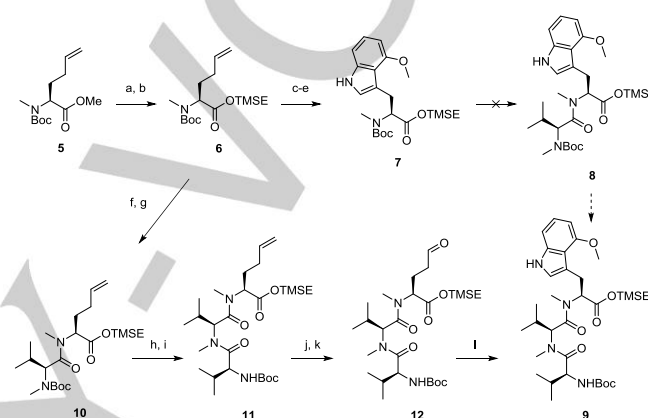


**Figure 2.** Retrosynthetic analysis of ohmyungsamycins A and B.

Therefore, we selected the cyclization site opposite to the potential turn inducer which may exploit the folded structure for the macrocyclization. Esterification of Val<sup>1</sup> and Thr<sup>10</sup> and *N*-methyl amide formation of Thr<sup>9</sup> and Thr<sup>10</sup> were precluded due to the low reactivity in the macrocyclization.<sup>[9, 13a]</sup> Amidation of Val<sup>8</sup> and Thr<sup>9</sup> was also not considered due to potential steric hindrance caused by inevitable protection of the Thr<sup>9</sup> hydroxyl group during the synthesis of the southern fragment. Therefore, we focused on amidation of Val<sup>1</sup> and  $\beta$ HyPhe<sup>2</sup>, which appeared to be the most suitable ring-closing site. Indeed, macrocyclizations by esterification or amidation at other sites were not successful or provided the desired product in low yield (Scheme S1-S3). We planned to extend the side chain during the preparation of the southern part to avoid possible intramolecular *O* to *N* acyl shift<sup>[13]</sup> even though direct attachment of the side chain to the macrocyclic core would be ideal for further modifications.

Synthesis of the 4MeO-L-Trp containing tripeptide **9**, which is the most sterically encumbered fragment, is shown in Scheme 1. To incorporate the methoxy substituted indole ring moiety, we

adopted palladium-catalyzed annulation.<sup>[14]</sup> Initially, the known homoallylglycine methyl ester **5**<sup>[14c]</sup> was converted to the bulky 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethyl (TMSE) ester **6** (77% for two steps) to avoid facile 2,5-diketopiperazine (DKP) formation<sup>[15]</sup> during the second amidation. Unfortunately, the 4MeO-Trp intermediate **7** did not undergo amidation with valine, which is most likely due to high steric hindrance. Therefore, homoallylglycine **6** was first converted to tripeptide **11** with the assistance of DEPBT<sup>[16]</sup> (49% for four steps) and then sequential dihydroxylation and oxidative cleavage of the terminal olefin of **11** followed by Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> catalyzed annulation of the resulting aldehyde **12** afforded tripeptide **9** possessing the 4MeO-indole moiety in 59% yield.



**Scheme 1.** Reagents and conditions: a) LiOH, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; b) TMSEOH, EDC, DMAP, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 77% for 2 steps, c) 0.1 M OsO<sub>4</sub> in toluene, NMO, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; d) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; e) 2-iodo-3-methoxyaniline, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, DABCO, DMF, 100 °C 48% for 3 steps, f) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; g) Boc-NMe-L-Val-OH, DEPBT, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 69% for 2 steps, h) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; i) Boc-L-Val-OH, DEPBT, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 71% for 2 steps, j) 0.1 M OsO<sub>4</sub> in toluene, NMO, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O; k) NaIO<sub>4</sub>, THF/H<sub>2</sub>O, 90% for 2 steps, l) 2-iodo-3-methoxyaniline, Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, DABCO, DMF, 100 °C, 59%.

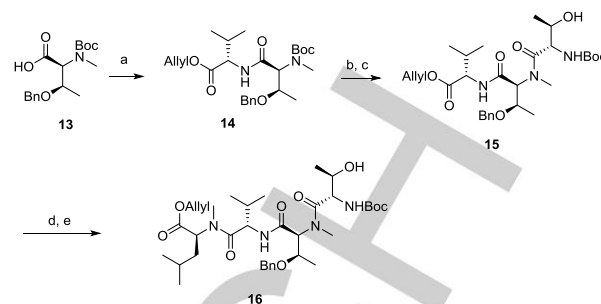
With the tripeptide fragment **9** in hand, we turned our attention to the synthesis of tetrapeptide fragment **16** as shown in Scheme 2. To avoid facile DKP formation upon sequential elongation from the C-terminal *N*Me-Leu<sup>7</sup> residue, we prepared tripeptide **15** from Boc-NMe-L-Thr(OBn)-OH **13** (63% for three steps) under the optimized coupling conditions. Deprotection of **15** and DEPBT mediated coupling of the resulting free acid with H-NMe-L-Leu-OAllyl provided tetrapeptide **16** in 83% yield for the two steps. The syntheses of cyclopeptides **1**, **2**, and **4** are described in Scheme 3. Dipeptides **17** and **19** were conveniently prepared via a standard peptide coupling procedure. The northern pentapeptide **18** was easily assembled in 95% yield by deprotection of tripeptide **9** and dipeptide **17** followed by a DEPBT-mediated amidation. Interestingly, the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra revealed that the rotameric mixture of tripeptide **9**, which consisted of contiguous *N*-methyl amides, became a single isomer **18**. In addition to this observation, the hydrogen-deuterium exchange experiments<sup>[17]</sup> and molecular modeling based on the exchange experiments and NOE study (See supporting information) implied the turn-inducing effect of pentapeptide **18**, as shown in Scheme 3, in the solution state as previously mentioned in the retrosynthesis.

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The free amine prepared by Boc-deprotection of **16** and the free acid liberated from **19** by allyl-deprotection was coupled by DEPBT-mediated amidation to afford hexapeptide **20** in 72% overall yield from **16**. Independently, the structural variation of the southern part was carried out by introducing a new side chain on Thr<sup>10</sup>. Amidation of the free amine prepared from **16** by Ac<sub>2</sub>O treatment in DMF provided tetrapeptide **21** in 68% yield from **16**. Esterification of hydroxyl peptides **20** and **21** with Boc-Val-OH smoothly proceeded under the reaction conditions (i.e., EDC, DMAP, and HOAt in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to afford **22** in 97% yield and **23** in 98% yield, respectively.

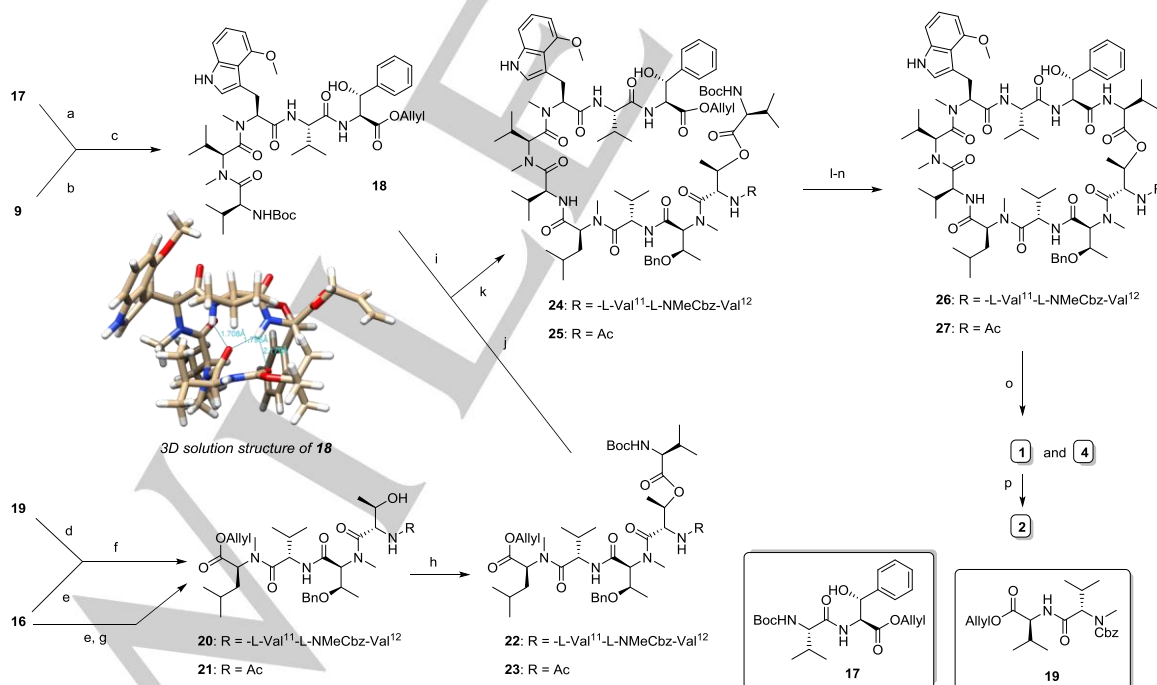
The final fragment assembly for the full-length dodecapeptide **24** suffered from rapid epimerization at the C<sub>α</sub> position of Leu<sup>7</sup>.<sup>[9a]</sup> Based on examination of a variety of coupling conditions, we finally obtained **24** in 56% yield along with *epi*-**24** by portionwise addition of EDC into a mixture of deprotected **18** and **22**, DIPEA, and HOAt in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 0 °C. Decapeptide **25** was prepared under the same reaction conditions as **24** in 50% yield.

Allyl deprotection of **24** and **25** with Pd(0) and PhNHMe followed by careful Boc-deprotection with *t*Pr<sub>3</sub>SiH in TFA/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1:10) afforded the corresponding amino-acid TFA salts, which were subjected to macrocyclization under high-dilution conditions (0.5 mM).<sup>[18]</sup> Dichloromethane was crucial for successful ring closure. The cyclodimer and cyclotrimer were produced regardless of the coupling reagent (e.g., EDC, HATU, PyBOP and DEPBT) when DMF was used as a solvent, which was most likely due to the high dielectric solvent preventing the formation of the hydrogen bonding-induced bent conformation.<sup>[19]</sup>



**Scheme 2.** Reagents and conditions: a) H-L-Val-OAllyl, EDC, DIPEA, Oxyma, DMF, 93%, b) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; c) Boc-L-Thr-OH, HATU, DIPEA, HOAt, DMF, 67% for 2 steps, d) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; e) H-NMe-L-Leu-OAllyl, DEPBT, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 83% for 2 steps.

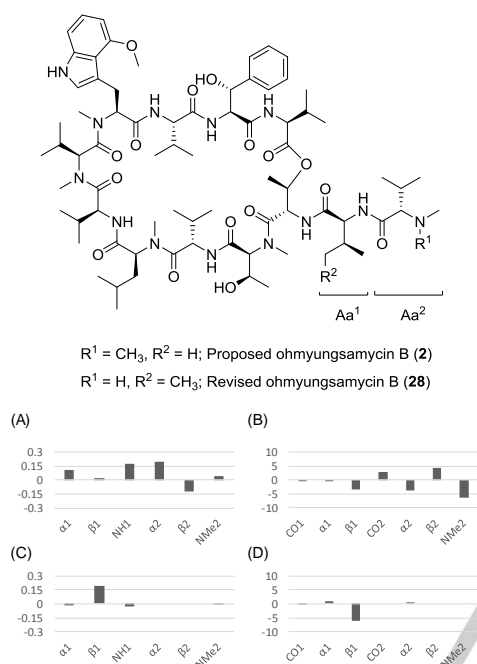
After intensive optimization of the macrolactamization conditions, the desired cyclopeptide **26** was obtained in 42% yield for three steps via slow addition of the linear substrate into a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution containing PyBOP and DIPEA. Cyclization of **25** proceeded more smoothly to afford cyclopeptide **27** in 69% yield for three steps. The increased yield was likely due to the reduced steric effect of the side chain. Finally, hydrogenolytic deprotection of **26** and **27** produced OMS-A (**1**) and the side chain-truncated OMS (**4**) in 97% and 68% yield, respectively. For the synthesis of OMS-B (**2**), a new methyl substituent was directly introduced onto the terminal amine of **1** via reductive methylation<sup>[20]</sup> in 71% yield.



**Scheme 3.** Reagents and conditions: a) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; b) TBAF, THF; c) DEPBT, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 95% from **9**, d) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; e) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; f) DEPBT, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 72% from **16**, g) Ac<sub>2</sub>O, DMF, 68% from **16**, h) Boc-L-Val-OH, EDC, DMAP, HOAt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 97% for **22**, 98% for **23**, i) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; j) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; k) EDC, DIPEA, HOAt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 56% for **24**, 50% for **25**, l) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; m) TFA, *t*Pr<sub>3</sub>SiH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; n) PyBOP, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mM), 42% for **26**, 69% for **27**, o) Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, 97% for **1**, 68% for **4**, p) aq. HCHO, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, DMF/AcOH (10:1), 71%

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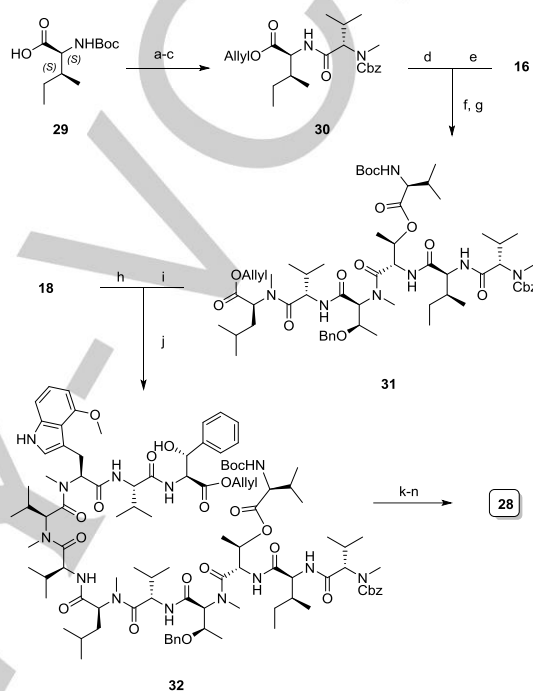
All spectroscopic data of synthetic OMS-A (**1**) were exactly matched with the reported data. The structure of the new cyclopeptide **4** was also confirmed by careful analysis of the spectral data. Importantly, the  $J_{H-H}$  coupling constants and major through-space correlation measured by the ROESY experiment were consistent with the reported data for **1**,<sup>[4]</sup> supporting the role of the cyclic core in maintaining a stable 3D structure regardless of the side chain (Table S2 and Figure S3).



**Figure 3.** Chemical structure of the proposed and revised OMS-B (top, Aa: amino acid). Side chain chemical shift comparison between OMS-A and natural or synthetic OMS-B (bottom). (A) Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for OMS-A (**1**) and synthetic OMS-B (**2**); (B) Comparison of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for OMS-A (**1**) and synthetic OMS-B (**2**); (C) Comparison of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for OMS-A (**1**) and natural OMS-B; (D) Comparison of <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra for OMS-A (**1**) and natural OMS-B. Y axis indicates  $\Delta\delta$  (OMS-A – OMS-B, ppm)

Unexpectedly, the spectral data of the synthetic OMS-B (**2**) were not identical to those of natural OMS-B, except for the mass spectroscopic data. In particular, the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra corresponding to the side chain were quite different (Table S3 and Figure S4). As shown in Figure 3, a comparison of the spectral data for the natural OMS-A with those to the synthetic (Figure 3A and 3B) and natural OMS-B (Figures 3C and 3D) revealed significantly different chemical shifts for the synthetic OMS-B. This result was likely due to a difference in the electron donating effect, which depends on the position of methyl substituent. Therefore, we assumed that the additional methyl substituent involved in isoleucine as the 11<sup>th</sup> amino acid based on intensive analysis of the 1D and 2D NMR spectra as well as the COSY and e-HSQC data (see Supporting Information). Among the four possible diastereomers of isoleucine, we selected the naturally abundant L-Ile. Synthesis of the structurally revised OMS-B

readily proceeded under the previously optimized conditions to afford **28** in 6% overall yield from Boc-L-Ile as outlined in Scheme 4. To our delight, the spectral data of this synthetic OMS-B (**28**) matched the reported data (Table S4 and Figure S9). We further confirmed the absolute configuration of Ile in natural OMS-B by the HPLC analysis of GITC<sup>[21]</sup> (2,3,4,6-tetra-O-acetyl- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyl isothiocyanate) derivatives of Ile in natural OMS-B and authentic L-Ile, L-*allo*-Ile, D-Ile, and D-*allo*-Ile (Figure S10).



**Scheme 4.** Reagents and conditions: a) AllylBr, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, DMF; b) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; c) Cbz-NMe-L-Val-OH, EDC, DIPEA, HOAt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 68% for 3 steps, d) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; e) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; f) DEPBT, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, g) Boc-L-Val-OH, EDC, DMAP, HOAt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 66% from **16**, h) TFA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; i) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; j) EDC, DIPEA, HOAt, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 36% from **31**, k) Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>, PhNHMe, THF; l) TFA, *t*-Pr<sub>3</sub>SiH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>; m) PyBOP, DIPEA, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.5 mM) 39% for three steps, n) Pd(OH)<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, MeOH, 90%

After complete syntheses of OMS-A (**1**),  $\Delta^{10}$ -N-Ac OMS (**4**), and structurally revised OMS-B (**28**), we evaluated their *anti*-TB activities, which are summarized in Table 1. As expected, the synthetic OMS-A exhibited nearly the same potency (MIC<sub>50</sub>: 33.3 nM) compared to the previously reported one (MIC<sub>50</sub>: 57 nM).<sup>[7]</sup> Interestingly, both the proposed (**2**) and revised OMS-B (**28**) exhibited comparable *anti*-TB activities. It is important to note that the side chain-truncated OMS-A (**4**) also exhibited good *anti*-TB activity (MIC<sub>50</sub>: 740 nM), which is still more potent than ethambutol (MIC<sub>50</sub>: 3.1  $\mu$ M). These results support the crucial role of the cyclic core for *anti*-TB activity as well as the significant beneficial effects of the side chain.

In conclusion, we have accomplished the first total syntheses of ohmyungamycins A (**1**) and B (**28**), the side chain-truncated ohmyungamycin B (**2** to **28**). The key macrocyclization strategy

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**Table 1.** *Anti*-TB activities of the ohmyungsamycins and structurally relevant cyclopeptides

Compound	MIC <sub>50</sub>
OMS-A (1)	33.3 nM
OMS-B; proposed (2)	64.9 nM
OMS-B; revised (28)	108.3 nM
Δ <sup>19</sup> N-Ac OMS (4)	740 nM
Ethambutol	3.1 μM

for the syntheses of the OMSs was inspired by the conformation of the cyclic core. In addition, synthesis of the side chain-truncated ohmyungsamycin A enabled the elucidation of the core of ohmyungsamycins, which is responsible for the excellent *anti*-TB activities. Our convergent syntheses of the ohmyungsamycins can be widely utilized by synthetic and medicinal chemists.

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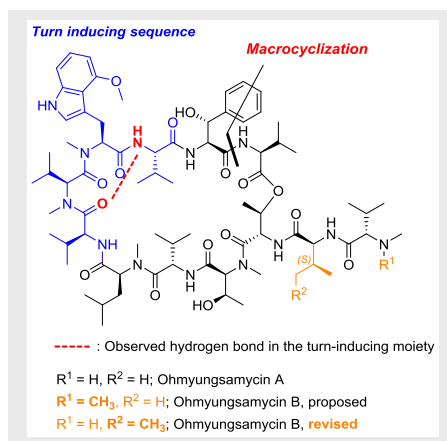
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